

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

THE DEP'T OF THE TREASURY OF) CASE NO. 1:14 CV 1031
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND ITS)
DIVISION OF INVESTMENT, on behalf)
of all others similarly situated,) JUDGE DAN AARON POLSTER
)
Plaintiffs,)
) **SCHEDULING ORDER**
vs.)
)
CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.,)
et al.,)
)
Defendants.)

Before the Court are the following pending motions:

- (1) Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (**Doc #: 32**);
- (2) Defendants' Motion . . . to Strike Certain Allegations from the Amended Class Action Complaint ("Motion to Strike") (**Doc #: 39**); and
- (3) Defendants Motion to Stay Consideration of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss . . . Pending a Ruling on Defendant's Motion to Strike ("Motion to Stay") (**Doc #: 41**).

Due to the seriousness of the allegations regarding certain confidential witnesses asserted in Defendants' Motion to Strike, the Court hereby **GRANTS** the Motion to Stay Ruling on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss pending its ruling on the Motion to Strike. (**Doc #: 41**) In addition to briefing whether the allegations of the confidential witnesses identified by Defendants should be stricken from the Amended Complaint, the Court also **DIRECTS** Plaintiff to brief whether the Amended Complaint can survive Defendant's Motion to Dismiss absent those allegations.

Plaintiff shall file its memorandum in response to the Motion to Strike **no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, February 6, 2015**; and Defendant shall file its reply **no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, February 13, 2015**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Dan A. Polster January 27, 2015

**Dan Aaron Polster
United States District Judge**